

The Pocahontas Times.

If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sinning, go to the woods andinha.—Longfellow.

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least twice a year. The exact date
of his visit will appear in this
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promptly answered.

BUILDING A TANNERY.

THE BIG TANNERY PLANT AT MARLINTON.

Is Assuming Huge Proportions Day by Day.

The denizen of Marlinton still
has to rub his eyes when he looks
at the big tannery in the upper
part of town.

Last spring we were informed
that this site had been adopted
by the United States Leather Com-
pany for one of its tanneries but
we are just beginning to realize
what an extensive plant the town
had secured. The site was chosen
on the high ground at the old Mar-
lin Bottom Ford. Along the river
banks are still to be seen the em-
bankments that General Lee threw
up in the early days of the Civil
War when the armies made nice
fortifications to give the soldiers
exercise.

At the lower end of the site the
ground sloped away just right for
the company's purpose. About
a year ago a side track was laid
down by the railway company
and presently cars filled with tan-
bark began to arrive. A long
rick of bark has since been built.
A shed 88x200 feet has also been
filled and there are some ten to
twelve thousand tons of bark ready
for business. Another shed of
like proportions is being filled
now.

The object is to use half hem-
lock and half chestnut oak bark,
making what is known as "un-
tan" leather. The country lends
itself to this character of tanning
as it would be hard to say which
variety of bark is more plentiful
in this county.

Work progressed slowly on the
buildings during the summer
months and it was hard to believe
that anything great would be ac-
complished this season. We have
had some experience in watching
masonry in this county and as no
stone was being quarried we did
not see any near prospect of large
buildings being erected soon.
About September, however, there
was more stir about the works and
it was rumored that the buildings
were to be under roof by winter
if it was possible for men and
money to do it.

The trouble about the founda-
tion was soon solved. Car after
car of the best cement was unload-
ed, and with a mixture of cement,
sand, crushed stone and water, arti-
ficial stone foundations were
moulded in wooden frames which
can only be excelled in strength
and durability by quarried stone
itself. The foundation of the
largest building which is 94x288
feet is 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high. It is formed
of pillars joined together by walls
all of concrete. On this was placed
an immense frame strongly
bound together with immense iron
bolts.

On most of the buildings gal-
vanized iron roofing was used but
the main building required shingles
as the acids used in tanning would
soon destroy a metal roof. The
work of putting on about an acre
of shingles has been going on
during the late cold weather the
severest November weather this
section has ever experienced.

The foundation of a large smoke
stack has been put in. The foun-
dation goes to the bed rock and is
of concrete. The chimney itself
will be of brick. It will require
some two hundred thousand bricks
to build the chimney, nearly as
many as is in the county court-
house. The stack will be 150
feet high. The great height is
necessary to give sufficient draft
to burn the wet bark after the
liquor has been made from it. A
tannery generally has enough fuel
in its bark to afford it the power
which it needs.

The tanbark is ground and is
then placed in large vats. Hot
water is then thrown on it and a
liquor is made in very much the
same manner as tea. This solu-
tion is of varied strength as the
tanning progresses. It is all
absorbed by the hides. The hides
are soaked until they become like
gelatine and the extract of the
bark becomes incorporated with

it and forms leather. Leather is
therefore partly vegetable and
partly animal matter.

When these buildings are
filled with machinery and in opera-
tion it will be one of the most im-
portant industries in the State.
Employment will be given at all
times to seventy-five men, and
the force will at certain seasons
be increased to one hundred and
fifty men. Next season will see
the plant in full operation and
something like fifty additional
houses will be required to house
the employees. Preference is
given to married men in indus-
tries of this kind as they are more
apt to prove to be contended and
willing to remain in one place
longer than single men who can
move at a moment's notice.

It will require much building
here in the early spring to afford
homes for the people this tannery
will bring to town.

We have been informed that it
is the policy of the great company
which is building here, to allow its
employees to find their own homes
and that it does not build tenements
unless it is compelled to do so. It does not like to be
landlord to its employees. Also
that it does not seek to run com-
pany stores, but gives the mer-
chants of the town the benefits of
the increased business.

This industry will be a great
help to this place which is fast
becoming an important town.

The Battle of Alleghany.

A way up in the heart of the
Alleghany Mountains, in Poca-
hontas county, West Virginia, is
a beautiful little valley through
which flows the east fork of the
Greenbrier River. At a point
where the valley road intersects
the old Staunton and Parkersburg
turnpike, a famous thoroughfare
in its day, is a post office in a farm
house. The name of the place is
Traveler's Rest, for it was once
a tavern. Crowning some low
hills within a stone's throw of the
house are long lines of old Con-
federate fortifications, skilfully
designed and so well "preserved"
that an hour's work by a brigade
would put them into serviceable
shape for the next civil war.
This place had its battle—what
was called a battle in the "green
and salad days" of the great re-
bellion, forty-two years ago. A

brigade of Federal troops, the
writer's regiment among them,
came over Cheat Mountain, fif-
teen miles to the westward, and,
stringing its lines across the little
valley, felt the enemy all day;
and the enemy did a little feeling
too. There was a great cannonad-
ing, which killed about a dozen
on each side; then, finding the
place too strong for assault, the
Federals called the affair "a re-
connoisance in force" and bury-
ing their dead, withdrew to the
more comfortable place whence
they had come. Those dead now
lie in a beautiful national ceme-
tery at Grafton, duly registered,
and with a mixture of cement,
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A SERMONETTE

GLEANED FROM A RECENT AD- DRESS.

The First Grave in the McNeil Bur-
rying Ground.

meaning, as bereaved mothers
only can fully appreciate.

What the visitor may see and
hear, makes him feel serious in-
died and he wishes to learn what
it all means. After having it ex-
plained to him, he is told that the
book is the book which tells how
death came about, and how to
prepare for the great and won-
derful change.

Upon procuring a copy he
learns of the Fall of Man, of his
descent through the death of
Christ, and of his salvation by
Faith in this Redeemer.

Would it not be strange if this
stranger, who has shown himself
open to conviction, did not accept
the only plan by which death may
be counted as gain? If a death
should make such a deep impres-
sion upon one who had never seen
death, how much more should we
be impressed not only by the
death but much more by the lives
by which we are surrounded. But
is it not reasonable to suppose that
our eyes are blinded by that
power which prompted man first
to fall?

W. T. P.

School Children Killed a Deer.

The pupils of Miss Wallace's
school at Mountain Grove had an
exciting chase after a deer one
day last week. The children
were playing when suddenly
some of them raised the cry: "A
deer, a deer!" Looking up, they
saw a deer crossing Back creek.
All ran after it and it attempted
to cross the fence, but did not suc-
ceed. Henry Gum hit it with a
rock, which caused it to fall. Then
all of the children took hold
of it. Some sat on it, others
pounded it with rocks, and so
disabled it. When Mr. Huff
arrived on the scene it was breath-
ing its last. Henry Gum and
Connie Killison were chief ex-
ecutioners. It was a large spiked
deer. The children executed a
war dance at their good luck.—
Bath Enterprise.

Game Confiscated.

State Game and Fish Warden
Frank Lively, of this city, on
November 21, at Ronceverte, con-
fiscated a batch of game contain-
ing sixty-nine pheasants and two
quail with which a man named
W. D. Rexroad had started to Virginia.
Rexroad was taken before
Justice of the Peace Arbogast and
was there fined \$80 and costs up-
on the complaint of the game warden.
The fine and costs were paid. The game confiscated was
sold here today by order of the
court.

Miss Virgie Bierne of Lewis-
burg has taken up the school at
Buckeye.

Appointments for Edray M. E. Church

1st Sunday Mary's Chapel
10:30 a. m.

1st Sunday, Slatyfork, 3:00 p. m.

2nd Sunday, Swago 11:00 a. m.

2nd Sunday, Marlinton 7:30 p. m.

3rd Sunday, Edray 11:00 a. m.

4th Sunday West Union 10:30 a. m.

4th Sunday, Laurel Creek, 3:00 p. m.

A. M. CRABTREE, Pastor

M. P. Church Appointments.

Appointments for Marlinton Cir-
cuit of the M. P. Church.

First Sunday in November, Bethel at 11 a. m., and Riverside

3 p. m.

Second Sunday Beaver Creek

11 a. m. and Burr Valley 3 p